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## SAMHSA Issues Brief on Inappropriate Use of Antipsychotics in Community Settings

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has recently released a new brief, [\*Guidance on Inappropriate Use of Antipsychotics: Older Adults and People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Community Settings\*](#). Administration for Community Living (ACL) staff provided guidance for the development of this brief.

The brief is intended primarily for physicians and other prescribers as well as support staff, administrators, and caregivers working with people with dementia and intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in community settings. To reduce inappropriate prescribing, this brief reviews non-pharmacologic behavioral approaches and strategies to avoid and reduce prescribing of antipsychotics whenever possible.